REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination for consideration with the Amendment filed April 18, 2007, and responds to the Advisory Action dated June 28, 2007. Claims 1, 2, 4-11, and 13 are pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the Amendment filed April 18, 2007. In the advisory Action dated June 28, 2007, the Examiner indicated that the April 18 amendment raised double inclusion issues under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, with respect to claims 1 and 10. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended herein to address these issues. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request consideration of the Amendment filed April 18, 2007, together with the amended claims.

Applicants are in the process of obtaining a declaration for submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 to address the rejections of claims based on U.S. Patent No. 5,800,867 to Matsunaga et al. and will file the declaration promptly on receipt.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims and the remarks set forth herein, Applicants believe this case is in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes any issue requires further discussion, the Examiner is respectfully asked to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter may be promptly resolved. The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

Applicants do not believe that any fee is due in connection with this submission other than $790 for the Request for Continued Examination and $1,020 for a three-month extension of time. However, if any additional fees are necessary to complete this communication, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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